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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1548**

### Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley

February 22, 2005

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An act to add—and repeal Section 6024.5—of to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to ~~field rodents~~ *rodenticide*.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1548, as amended, Pavley. ~~Field rodents: poisons. Rodenticides: anticoagulants.~~

Existing law generally directs the Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners to cooperate relative to suppression of rodents carrying diseases injurious to humans.

~~This bill would authorize the County of Ventura to, subject to exception, prohibit the sale and use of any poison designed to be used to control rodents or other vertebrate pests that contains Brodifacoum, as specified. The bill would provide that these provisions would remain operative until June 1, 2007.~~

*This bill would require the Department of Pesticide Regulation to conduct research, and compile the findings of that research into a report, on the affects of anticoagulant chemicals contained in rodenticide on wildlife. This bill would require this report to be presented to the Legislature on or before November 30, 2006.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 6024.5 is added to the Food and*  
2     *Agricultural Code, to read:*

3     6024.5. (a) *The Department of Pesticide Regulation shall*  
4     *conduct research, and compile the findings of that research into*  
5     *a report, on the affects of anticoagulant chemicals contained in*  
6     *rodenticides on wildlife. This report shall be presented to the*  
7     *Legislature, in the most cost-effective manner available to the*  
8     *department, on or before November 30, 2006.*

9     (b) *The report shall include an overview of solutions that are*  
10    *available at the state and local levels to mitigate the impacts of*  
11    *anticoagulant chemicals contained in rodenticides on wildlife.*

12    (c) *The department may engage the assistance and support of*  
13    *the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United*  
14    *States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and*  
15    *the Department of Fish and Game, and may consult any relevant*  
16    *sources to collect data relating to the impacts of anticoagulants*  
17    *on wildlife.*

18    ~~SECTION 1. Section 6024.5 is added to the Food and~~  
19    ~~Agricultural Code, to read:~~

20    ~~6024.5. (a) The board of supervisors of the County of~~  
21    ~~Ventura may implement a pilot program pursuant to this section,~~  
22    ~~and is authorized to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale and~~  
23    ~~use of any poison designed to be used to control rodents or other~~  
24    ~~vertebrate pests that contains the anticoagulant Brodifacoum,~~  
25    ~~provided however, that licensed pesticide applicators shall be~~  
26    ~~exempt from the ban for purposes of applying Brodifacoum~~  
27    ~~indoors.~~

28    ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that representatives from~~  
29    ~~Ventura County, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the~~  
30    ~~Department of Fish and Game, in the most cost-effective manner,~~  
31    ~~report to the Legislature not later than June 1, 2007, regarding the~~  
32    ~~impact on humans and wildlife by, and the implementation of,~~  
33    ~~any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section.~~

34    ~~(c) This section shall remain operative only until June 1, 2007,~~  
35    ~~and as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted~~

1 ~~statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends~~  
2 ~~that date.~~

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